

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-16 were pending in this application. In this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 10, 13, 15, and 16 have been amended to clarify an aspect of the invention. Claims 3, 13, and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 17 has been added. Care has been exercised not to introduce new matter. Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 3, 4, 9, and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of the foregoing amendments the following remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Objection to the Drawings

Figures 1-6 were objected to because the figures should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art--. In response, corrected Figures 1-5 have been submitted as replacement sheets. However, Applicants submit that Figure 6 is not prior art. Rather, Figure 6 depicts a cross-sectional view of an LED lamp illustrating why color unevenness is produced. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections to the drawings is requested.

Claim rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have canceled claim 14 and amended claims 15 and 16 as indicated above to overcome these rejections. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

Claim rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 10-12 and 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tarsa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,005,679) in view of Reeh et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,576,930). Applicants have amended claims 1 and 10 to include the features of now canceled

claims 3 and 13. Accordingly, as claims 3 and 13 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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